

DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT AD LITEM SURVEY OF ARKANSAS JUVENILE JUDGES

Exhibit A: Comparison of 1997 Findings of the Arkansas Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee on Foster Care and Adoption to 2000 Findings from an Administrative Office of the Courts Survey (2000 response rate = 91% with 30 of 33 judges responding)

Type of Hearing	Type of Response*	How Often Are Children Represented by Attorneys Ad Litem?		How Often Are the Attorneys Ad Litem Prepared to Represent Their Clients?		
		1997	2000	Type of Response*	1997	2000
Emergency	Always	62.5%	53.3%	Always	15.4%	20.0%
	Usually	8.3	16.7	Usually	38.5	43.3
	Often	4.2	3.3	Often	7.4	13.3
	Occasionally	20.8	23.3	Occasionally	34.6	16.7
	Never	4.2	3.3	Never	3.8	6.7
Adjudication	Always	84.6	86.7	Always	22.2	70.0
	Usually	11.5	10.0	Usually	48.1	20.0
	Often	3.8	3.3	Often	22.2	10.0
	Occasionally	0.0	0.0	Occasionally	7.4	0.0
	Never	0.0	0.0	Never	0.0	0.0
Disposition	Always	80.8	86.7	Always	22.2	70.0
	Usually	15.4	13.3	Usually	55.6	23.3
	Often	3.8	0.0	Often	14.8	6.7
	Occasionally	0.0	0.0	Occasionally	7.4	0.0
	Never	0.0	0.0	Never	0.0	0.0
Review	Always	73.1	86.7	Always	22.2	56.7
	Usually	19.2	13.3	Usually	48.1	33.3
	Often	7.7	0.0	Often	18.5	6.7
	Occasionally	0.0	0.0	Occasionally	11.1	3.3
	Never	0.0	0.0	Never	0.0	0.0
Permanency Planning (18 Month Review prior to 1997 statutory change)	Always	73.1	75.9	Always	25.9	66.7
	Usually	19.2	20.7	Usually	40.7	23.3
	Often	7.7	3.4	Often	22.2	6.7
	Occasionally	0.0	0.0	Occasionally	11.1	3.3
	Never	0.0	0.0	Never	0.0	0.0
Termination of Parental Rights	Always	88.5	93.3	Always	40.7	76.7
	Usually	7.7	3.3	Usually	40.7	16.7
	Often	3.8	0.0	Often	7.4	6.7
	Occasionally	0.0	3.3	Occasionally	11.1	0.0
	Never	0.0	0.0	Never	0.0	0.0
Adoption**	Always	n/a	80.0	Always	n/a	70.0
	Usually	n/a	16.7	Usually	n/a	23.3
	Often	n/a	0.0	Often	n/a	3.3
	Occasionally	n/a	3.3	Occasionally	n/a	3.3
	Never	n/a	0.0	Never	n/a	0.0

*The following response scale was defined for the respondents:

Never (0%) Occasionally (1-33%) Often (34-66%) Usually (67-99%) Always (100%)

**Question not asked on 1997 evaluation.

Exhibit B: Chart Comparing Findings of 1997 Evaluation Question to 2000 Survey Question*

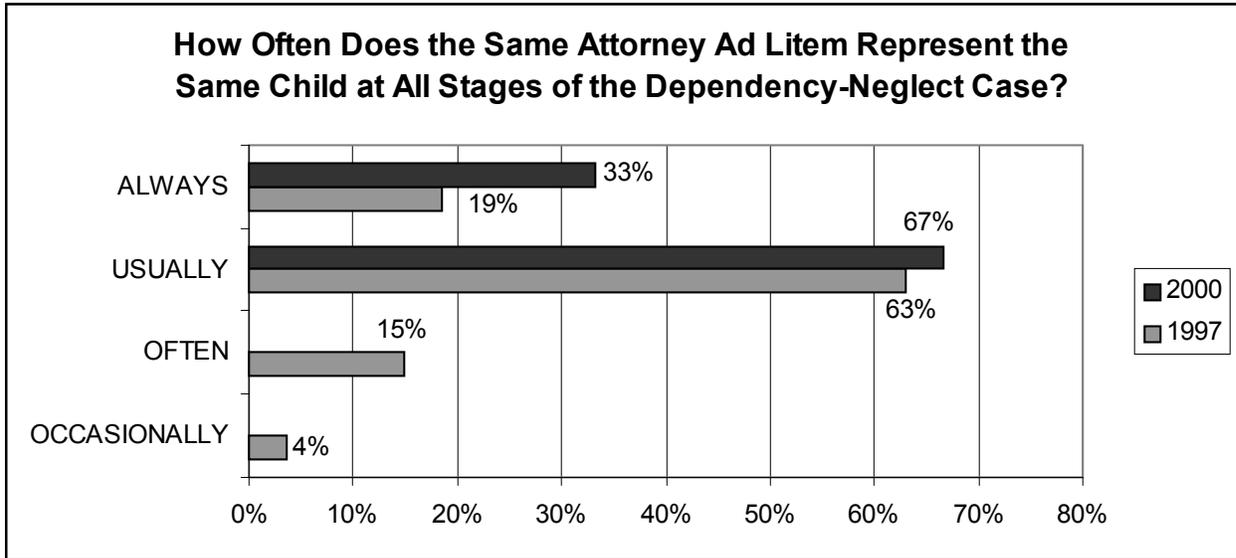


Exhibit C: 2000 Survey Frequency Distribution for “How Often Do Attorneys Ad Litem Do the Following for Hearings?”*

Type of Activity	Never	Occasionally	Often	Usually	Always
Engage in Formal Discovery	20.0%	70.0%	6.7%	3.3%	0.0%
File Motions	3.3	80.0	10.0	6.7	0.0
Subpoena Lay Witnesses	0.0	72.4	20.7	6.9	0.0
Subpoena Expert Witnesses	10.0	73.3	13.3	3.3	0.0
Call Witnesses	0.0	26.7	36.7	30.0	6.7
Make Recommendations	0.0	0.0	10.0	33.3	56.7

Exhibit D: Frequency Distribution for Remaining 2000 Survey Questions*

Question	Never	Occasionally	Often	Usually	Always
How often do attorneys ad litem play an important role in insuring that the case moves along in a timely manner?	0.0%	3.3%	16.7%	60.0%	20.0%
How often do attorneys ad litem present testimony & evidence that is important to the decisions the judge must make?	0.0	6.7	36.7	43.3	13.3
How often is the attorney ad litem important in insuring that the best interests of the child are being met by timely compliance with court orders?	0.0	3.4	6.9	51.7	37.9
How often is the attorney ad litem important as to the overall outcome of the case?	0.0	6.7	13.3	43.3	36.7

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Never (0%) Occasionally (1-33%) Often (34-66%) Usually (67-99%) Always (100%)

Exhibit E: Chart of Frequency Distribution

